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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, JO, US  
SUBJECT: TALK WITH COURT CHIEF -- KING'S U.S. VISIT

1. CHIEF ROYAL COURT ASKED ME TO SEE HIM FEBRUARY 21 TO DISCUSS KING'S VISIT TO U.S. HE REFERRED TO PRESIDENT'S LETTER DELIVERED BY SECRETARY AND ASKED ME ABOUT DATES WE HAD IN MIND. ON BASIS MY DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY'S PARTY, I TOLD HIM WE WERE CONSIDERING APRIL 25. GOJ HAD ASKED FOR APRIL 18, BUT THERE WAS CONFLICT WITH PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE AND APRIL 25 WAS NEAREST OPEN DATE.

2. SHARAF SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE APRIL 25 WAS ALRIGHT, BUT JORDAN WOULD BE DEEPLY CONCERNED IF TWO OTHER FACTORS EMERGED AS A RESULT OF ACCEPTING THAT DATE VIZ (A) THAT THEY WERE THE LAST ARAB HEAD OF STATE TO CALL ON PRISIDENT, I.E. FOLLOWING EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA AND SYRIA, AND (B) THAT ANOTHER ARAB HEAD OF STATE WAS GIVEN THE WEEK OF APRIL 18 IN PLACE OF JORDAN. JORDANIANS KNOW THAT SADAT VISIT IS PLANNED (THEY SAY) FOR EARLY APRIL. THEY HAVE HEARD (THEY SAY) THAT PRINCE FAHD MIGHT COME JUST AFTER. THEY CAN SEE ADVANTAGES IN COMING LATE IN TERMS OF BEING IN WASHINGTON WHEN PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ENGAGED PERSONALLY FOR SOME TIME IN MIDDLE EAST AFFIARS.

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KING GENERALLY FEELS ABLE TO TALK MORE FRANKLY AND BROADLY ABOUT AREA ISSUES AND WOULD LIKE TO DO SO CLOSE TO THE TIME WHEN PRESIDENT MIGHT BE MAKING DECISIONS. NEVERTHELESS THE TWO QUASI-PROTOCOLAIRE CONCERNS ABOVE RELATE DIRECTLY TO JORDANIAN VIEW OF THEIR LONG-STANDING, CLOSE BILATERAL TIES TO US AND THEIR NOT INCONSIDERABLE INSECURITY GROWING OUT OF

THE WOODWARD WASHINGTON POST SERIES OF STORIES ON KING'S RELATIONSHIP TO US.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ME TO HAVE SOME EARLY INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON TO ANSWER KING'S CONCERNS OUTLINED ABOVE.

4. PRESUMING THE VISIT WERE TO BEGIN APRIL 25, KING WOULD LIKE TO ARRIVE ON THE EVENING OF THE 24TH OF APRIL. HE WOULD EXPECT TO HAVE TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT ON APRIL 25TH AND LUNCH OR DINNER. FROM THE SECRETARY'S BRIEFING TO ME, I TOLD SHARAF HE SHOULD EXPECT THAT ALL THE ARAB HEADS OF STATE WILL BE TREATED EQUALLY, THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD FOCUS ON WORKING ASPECTS OF VISITS AND THAT MEALS (LUNCH OR DINNER) WOULD ALSO BE SMALL WORKING SESSIONS. SHARAF'S REACTION WAS THAT IF OTHERS ARE BEING TREATED THE SAME WAY THAT IS FINE WITH JORDAN.

5. SHARAF ASKED ABOUT ADDRESSING A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS. I TOLD SHARAF, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS KING'S SILVER JUBILEE YEAR, IT DID NOT LOOK POSSIBLE. I REPORTED TO HIM WHAT I HAD SEEN IN THE PRESS ABOUT REPRESENTATIVE TIP O'NEIL'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESIDENT ASKING THAT HEADS OF STATE NOT ADDRESS JOINT SESSIONS.

6. FOR THE SCHEDULE OF THE REMAINDER OF THE TRIP, KING WOULD HOPE TO SEE SECRETARY, DEFENSE SECRETARY, CONGRESS AND  
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OTHERS ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 AND 27. HE WILL BE GIVEN AN HONORARY DEGREE BY AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AND A TESTIMONIAL DINNER BY A NUMBER OF FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON. HE WILL SPEND THURSDAY AND FRIDAY IN NEW YORK, WHERE HE EXPECTS TO CALL ON SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY AND PERHAPS SEE THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS. FRIDAY EVENING APRIL 29 HE WILL GO TO ATLANTA FOR AN ALL-DAY SATURDAY APRIL 30 FOREIGN POLICY SESSION ORGANIZED BY FORMER SECRETARY DEAN RUSK. ON SUNDAY EVENING MAY 1 HE WILL GO TO HOUSTON FOR A MEDICAL CHECK UP IN ONE OF THE HOSPITALS THERE ARRANGED BY DR (MAJOR GENERAL) DAOUD HANANIYYA, CHIEF OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE JORDAN ARMED FORCES. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 HE WILL LEAVE FOR HOME OR ALTERNATIVELY FOR SEVERAL PRIVATE DAYS WITH HIS YOUNGEST CHILDREN IN FLORIDA. THE LATTER POINT IS NOT YET SETTLED.

7. MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE HAS TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT THE KING WOULD VISIT THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR A SHORT PERIOD BEFORE OR AFTER HIS TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. ONE MAJOR EVENT WOULD BE A JOINT DINNER WITH QUEEN ELIZABETH WHO IS ALSO CELEBRATING HER SILVER JUBILEE YEAR.

8. FROM A CHECK OF OUR RECORDS AFTER THE TRIP, WE DO NOT FIND A COPY OF THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE KING DELIVERED BY THE SECRETARY. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR A COPY IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH GOJ ON THIS QUESTION.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 AND TEXT BY TELEGRAM OF DOCUMENT REQUESTED PARAGRAPH 8.

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